

# Advice to Women

## STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

This is a very important consideration in a woman's correspondence with Mrs. Pinkham. It is a great satisfaction to feel that one woman can write to another telling her the most private and confidential details about her illness, and know that her letter will be seen by a woman only, — a woman full of sympathy for her sick sisters, and with a knowledge of woman's ills greater than that possessed by any other person.

Mrs. Pinkham never violates the confidence thus entrusted to her, and although she publishes thousands of testimonials from women who have been benefited by her advice and medicine, never in all her experience has she published such a letter without the full consent and often by special request of the writer.

The reason Mrs. Pinkham is so amply qualified to give advice in cases of female ills is for the reason that over one hundred thousand cases come before her each year, — some personally, others by mail, and this has been going on for twenty years, day after day, and day after day. Twenty years of constant success, — think of the knowledge thus gained. Surely women are wise in seeking advice from a woman of such experience, especially when it is absolutely free. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass.

As an illustration of the good coming from such advice we herewith publish two letters of Mrs. E. F. Hayes, the reading of which should give every sick woman confidence in Mrs. Pinkham's ability to help them. These are only two of thousands of the same kind of letters which Mrs. Pinkham has on file.

### Mrs. Hayes' First Letter Appealing to Mrs. Pinkham for Help.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: — I have been under Boston doctors' treatment for a long time without any relief. They tell me I have a fibroid tumor. I cannot sit down without great pain, and the soreness extends up my spine. I have bearing-down pains both back and front. My abdomen is swollen, and I have had flowing spells for three years. My appetite is not good. I cannot walk or be on my feet for any length of time.

"The symptoms of Fibroid Tumor given in your little book accurately describes my case, so I write to you for advice." — (Signed) MRS. E. F. HAYES, 252 Dudley St. (Roxbury), Boston, Mass.

Note the result of Mrs. Pinkham's advice — although she advised Mrs. Hayes, of Boston, to take her medicine — which she knew would help her — her letter contained a mass of additional instructions as to treatment, all of which helped to bring about the happy result.

No other female medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement. No other medicine has such a record of cures of female troubles or such hosts of grateful friends. Do not be persuaded that any other medicine is just as good. Any dealer who suggests something else has no interest in your case. He is seeking a larger profit. Follow the record of this medicine, and remember that the thousands of cures of women whose letters are constantly printed in this paper were not brought about by "something else," but by

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## CAUGHT BY DECOY NOTE

Chicago Young Man Confesses Black-mailing Scheme.

### MANY FINANCIERS ANNOYED

When Confronted by Evidence Brennan Demanded Money to Have Written Threatening Letters to Capitalists East and West.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The source of the mysterious letters demanding large sums of money which for the past six months have been received by men high in the financial world of New York and Chicago has been traced to Leo R. Brennan, a commercial artist of Chicago, and the young man was placed under arrest as he was leaving the general postoffice, where he had gone in answer to a decoy letter.

When confronted with the evidence of his wrongdoing Brennan confessed to having attempted to enforce a dozen demands for sums of \$25,000 and \$50,000 and having threatened his intended victims with death should they refuse to comply with his demands for money. In his confession Brennan declared that all his attempts to extort money had been futile, as he never received a dollar in answer to any of his requests.

The New York financiers of whom Brennan demanded money were J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, James Stillman and Andrew Carnegie. Of each of these men he demanded \$50,000 in his first letters and on receiving no replies, it is said, reduced the amount demanded to \$25,000.

Among those in Chicago upon whom Brennan attempted to levy tribute were Marshall Field, R. T. Crane, J. Ogden Armour and G. F. Swift. None of the Chicago men was asked for more than \$25,000.

Blackmailed Marshall Field. In the case of Marshall Field, Brennan wrote under the name of William Craig. He first asked Mr. Field to leave \$25,000 beneath a pillar of a porch at the latter's home. No attention was paid to the letter by Mr. Field until another communication, in which the veiled threats in the first letter were made plainer, was received from Brennan. In the second letter Brennan demanded that the money be mailed. Mr. Field then placed the matter in the hands of a detective agency, and a correspondence was established which led to his arrest.

A few days ago a decoy letter was sent to Brennan telling him that his demand upon Mr. Field would be acceded to. Then a package was prepared and addressed to "Craig," to be delivered at the registered letter de-

partment of the general postoffice. Brennan fell into the trap and called at the postoffice, asked for and was given the package. Signing the receipt, Brennan with a pleased smile on his face turned to walk away, but walked into the arms of four detectives who had been watching the proceedings.

He will be held for action of the federal authorities.

### Union Men Indicted.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—The grand jury has voted nine indictments against members of the street car men's union. The charges are riot, conspiracy, malicious mischief and unlawful assembly and are based on scenes of violence attending the operation of cars on the lines of the Chicago City Railway company during the recent strike.

### SHIPYARD REVELATIONS.

Witness Says Books of Companies Were Fiddled.

New York, Dec. 26.—Further revelations concerning the inflation of the assets and values of the constituent plants of the United States Shipbuilding company were made yesterday at the hearing before Examiner Olyphant when Alfred Rose, the expert accountant employed by Receiver Smith to examine the books of the subsidiary companies, brought to light the astonishing fact that the accounts of all the smaller concerns were padded before their merger with the shipyard trust by the addition of estimated profits, many of which were never paid into the companies.

Every plant purchased by the Shipbuilding company, including the Bethlehem Steel works, the witness asserted, had been augmented in value in this manner by the addition to its assets of an unearned and unpaid increment accruing from products which had not been sold.

Though admitting that he did not wish to cast aspersions upon the integrity of any of the officers of the Bethlehem company, Mr. Rose said the anticipation of its profits was an unusual way to conduct a legitimate business.

### JAPAN NOT IDLE.

Vigorous Warlike Preparations Going On.

London, Dec. 26.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the Japanese railways have been ordered to be prepared to transport 70,000 troops from the north to the south. It is understood that only those troops which are injured to cold climates will be chosen.

The correspondent says that there are now forty warships in the southern waters of Japan, the majority being fully armed and ready for any emergency. These warships are continually moving about for purpose of practice.

Officials everywhere, according to the correspondent, are ready to summon reserves at a moment's notice.

The drafting of Japanese troops to Korea continues. They go in small numbers on various pretexts, but nevertheless a fairly large force is now there.

### "TELL HER I WAS BRAVE."

Sad Story of Victim of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Horror.

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 26.—Possibly the saddest feature connected with the terrible railway wreck which snuffed out sixty-four lives is the death of Robert Davidson. He was to have been married today and was on his way to meet his bride when the unforeseen accident caused his death. His last words were written in a dictated note to his fiancée.

Davidson was thirty-one years old and lived at 725 North Fifth street, Philadelphia. He was a traveling salesman. He had been on a visit to his brother, Samuel Davidson of Lyman Postoffice, and on leaving Pittsburgh Wednesday evening had telegraphed his expected arrival in Philadelphia.

Davidson was fatally injured in the wreck, but retained consciousness. Dr. Thomas E. Chard of Connellsville, who was one of the many persons sent from this place to the relief of the suffering, attended him. Knowing that his life was but a matter of a short time, he told his pitiful story to the surgeon as the relief train was bearing him to the place.

"Christmas was to have been my wedding day," he said between spasms of pain. "I was to marry Hannah Whetman, a stenographer, room 317 Drexel building, Philadelphia. The wedding was to have taken place at the residence of Samuel Ballill, at Second and Callowhill streets."

His last words while lying on a cot in the hospital were:

"Write to her, doctor. Tell her I am dying. My last words were of her. If I am to die, tell her I was brave."

All but a few of the sixty-eight bodies have been identified, and those who are still unknown were laid away in Hill Grove cemetery at dawn this morning. Those who are still to be identified are mostly foreigners, and it is doubtful if their identity will ever be known.

### Report on Soldiers' Homes.

Washington, Dec. 26.—According to a report made by Brigadier General George H. Burton, who has just completed a tour of inspection of the various branches of the National Soldiers' home, it was shown that during the past year 33,157 old soldiers have been cared for. The annual per capita expense of this maintenance was \$141.70, which is an increase of 20 per cent during the past three years, ascribed to the general advance in the cost of food products. Of the inmates 25,168 are drawing pensions of from \$5 to \$72 per month, aggregating a total of \$3,166,734. During the past year there were 1,863 deaths and 3,582 first admissions, which makes the deaths 52 per cent of the increase, a decided increase in the death rate.

### Fire in Minneapolis.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 26.—Fire has caused a loss of \$75,000 in the heart of the retail business district on the corner of Seventh and Jackson streets. The loss is partly insured. Three firemen were injured by falling walls.

## A MUSICAL TRIUMPH

Production of "Parsifal" in New York Unrivaled.

### VAST AUDIENCE IMPRESSED

Wagner Festival Play, Never Before Given Outside Baireuth One of the Most Important Events for American Music Lovers.

New York, Dec. 26.—For the first time since it was first produced in Baireuth in 1882 Wagner's "Parsifal" was performed yesterday outside of the festival playhouse for which the master composed it. A vast assemblage was gathered at the Metropolitan Opera House to witness it, an assemblage most brilliant in appearance and in quality, following the drama with the keenest attention, with breathless silence, and submitting eagerly to its spell.

It may truly be said that the eyes of the whole musical world were turned upon this performance, and the outcome of it has been awaited with widely varying emotions on the part of many who have been for or against it on diverse grounds. Never before perhaps has a stage production of any kind in this country so stirred the imaginations of so many people or been so widely discussed or so urgently debated. In many of its aspects it was one of the most important and significant musical events that Americans have been concerned with.

### A Splendid Production.

"Parsifal" was presented in a manner wholly befitting its distinctive character as a work of art, a manner that recognized and gave a full exposition of the solemnity and dignity of its theme, the lofty eloquence of its treatment, the overpowering impressiveness of the drama. This much must be clearly made known, to serve as it may and as far as it can to answer the sneers that have been leveled at the artistic appreciation, understanding and standard of achievement of the New York public.

The artistic value of the "Parsifal" production was of the very highest. It was in many respects equal to anything that has ever been done at Baireuth and in some much superior. It was without doubt the most perfect production ever made on the American lyric stage. Those who wish to quarrel with the performance on aesthetic, moral or religious grounds have still as much upon which to stand as before. Artistically it was nothing less than triumphant.

The spirit that filled the representation in most of its elements and that animated all who participated in it was one of reverence and devotion to the ideals of the master, of zealous earnestness in carrying out his intentions in all things, great and small, in the score. The interpreters of the chief person-

ages of the drama were singers who have drawn knowledge and understanding of its requirements from the fountainhead at Baireuth and who have been among the most distinguished participants in the festival performances there—Mme. Ternina, Mr. Burgstaller and Mr. Van Rooy.

### Throngs Struggled for Seats.

Never in its long history of famous musical events has New York seen the crowd that turned out to witness this gala performance. Wagner's masterpiece has never before been seen except at Baireuth, and the popularity of the opera, combined with the vigorous protests of the composer's wife against its production in this country, brought out the largest audience that the Metropolitan Opera House has ever seen.

Every seat in the vast theater except a few that were gathered in by speculators was sold a week ago, and standing room two hours before opening of the performance was at a premium.

The speculators who were fortunate enough to hold seats earlier in the day were doing a hard office business. A box was sold early in the afternoon for \$125, the box office price of which was \$75. Offers of more money were later heard, but the demand exceeded the supply, and it was impossible after 3 o'clock to obtain a seat of any kind in the house.

### Cook County Democracy Receiver.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—James T. Richards, a former south town assessor, has been appointed receiver of the Cook County Democracy by Judge Brennan. The appeal was made on the petition of friends of Robert E. Burke, formerly city oil inspector, who declared that two sets of officers had been elected, and their installation was liable to cause conflict and disorder, besides endangering the safety of the property of the city.

### Fire in Berea, O.

Berea, O., Dec. 26.—The car barn and a number of cars of the Cleveland and Southwestern Traction Railway company have been destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. The warehouse of the Sprague Carriage company was also burned; loss, \$7,000.

### Kingston's Poor Well Fed.

Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Nearly 400 poor families were supplied with Christmas dinners by charitable people of Kingston today. Families having children are supplied with toys, the gift of Congressman George J. Smith.

### Fire in St. Paul.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 26.—Property valued at \$84,000 was destroyed by fire which gutted the four story building on Nicollet avenue known as the Grinnell building.

Tribesmen Lost Moroccan Towns. Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 26.—The town of Sottat, near Casa Blanca, has been attacked and pillaged and partially destroyed by the surrounding tribes. The population included many Jews.

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### Harsh Words For Livery Drivers.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Scathing criticisms of persons who have disturbed funeral processions here were made by the grand jury, which reported to Judge Clifford. The grand jury also criticized "irresponsible organizations" for creating disorder and defying the law. The report, which was drawn by Colonel James W. Nye, the foreman, says in closing: "We find that for several months irresponsible organizations have been creating disorder in this county, destroying property and defying the law. We have found that ordinary subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum made 'forthwith' and issued by this court have been evaded. We believe that these conditions require careful examination, and we respectfully suggest that the conditions we have reported be made a special subject of inquiry by the January grand jury."

### Mad Mollah's Men Routed.

London, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Somaliland says that Major General Sir Charles Egerton, commander of the British forces, has had an engagement with the forces of the Mad Mollah and has routed 2,000 dervishes near Badwain. The dervishes lost 180 in killed and wounded.

### Mrs. Clemens Gaining.

Florence, Italy, Dec. 26.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), who has been continually busy writing, spent Christmas eve with his family. Mrs. Clemens, who has been ill for some time, is progressing satisfactorily. If slowly, and finds much enjoyment in the mild air.

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